

Contributing to achieving wider aspirations

- 2.18 The licensing authority recognises there is no public health licensing objective and therefore cannot conduct its licensing function in order to promote public health. The licensing function can only be carried out to promote the four licensing objectives as set out by the Licensing Act 2003.
- 2.19 Manchester has one of the highest rates in England for alcohol-related hospital admissions – a rate that has increased by 15% over recent years. Rates of alcohol-related deaths are also higher in Manchester than the north west and England averages.
- 2.20 The licensing authority seeks to protect the quality of life for people in Manchester and hopes that through the implementation of this Licensing Policy, the promotion of the four licensing objectives will in turn have a positive effect on preventing alcohol misuse in the city. For example, as well as positively impacting upon crime and disorder, nuisance, harm to children and improved public safety, controlling the premises selling alcohol should positively impact on the levels of alcohol-related health harm. Additionally, it is hoped that preventing the use or supply of illegal drugs and new psychoactive substances on licensed premises will reduce drug-related health harm.
- 2.21 The Council's priorities in respect of getting citizens in employment and improving skills are important issues for the city. Licensed premises play an important role in employment in the city, particularly of young people, providing them with training and experience to further develop careers.
- 2.22 However, it is recognised that while any such positive impact may incidentally arise from the licensing authority conducting its licensing functions, it shall not be the purpose of authority under the Act, which is to promote the licensing objectives.

Working to prevent the threat of terrorism

- 2.23 Terror attacks have previously been targeted at bars, pubs and nightclubs in the UK. All premises are expected to have regard to the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) publication 'Counter Terrorism Protective Security Advice for Bars, Pubs and Nightclubs'.
- 2.24 Licensed premises in the city centre are expected to be prepared in accordance with the City Centre Emergency Evacuation Plan:

http://cityco.com/media/uploads/2014/12/09/FINAL_City_centre_evacuation_maps_BUSINESS.pdf